

REMARKS

In paragraph 1 of the Examiner's Office Action, the Examiner has made a requirement for an election of species between Figures 1-6 (claims 1-6) and Figure 7-10 (claims 7 and 8). This requirement for election of species is respectfully traversed.

Although the Applicant's disagree with the Examiner's requirement for an election species, in a telephone discussion with the Examiner, the Applicant elected to prosecute the species of Figures 7-10 (claims 7 and 8) in the present application but specifically reserves the right to file a divisional application on the non-elected species (claims 1-6) at a later date, if it is desired.

Thus, the Applicant confirms the election to prosecute claims 7 and 8 in the present application and correspondingly has cancelled claims 1-6 of the present application which are directed to the non-elected species.

Claims 7 and 8 have been objected to by the Examiner for the reasons set forth in paragraph 2 on page 3 of the Examiner's Office Action letter. As the Examiner will note, both claims 7 and 8 have been amended in an effort to comply with the Examiner's requirements. Accordingly, it is believed that the Examiner's objections have been eliminated.

It is noted, with appreciation, that the Examiner has indicated that claims 7 and 8 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the objections set forth in paragraph 2 on page 3 of the Examiner's Office Action letter. Since the Applicant believes that he has overcome the Examiner's objection to claims 7 and 8 and in view of the fact that non-elected claims 1-6 have been cancelled in the present application, it is now believed the present application is in

condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration of the objections and allowance of claims 7 and 8 of the present application are respectfully requested.

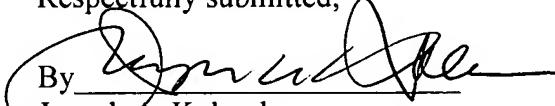
If the Examiner has any questions or comments, please contact Joseph A. Kolasch, Reg. No. 22,463 at the offices of Birch, Stewart, Kolasch & Birch, LLP.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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